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IN THE CLAIMS

Please add claims 97-101 to this application prior to examination:

97. A syringe having a retractable needle assembly designed for one use, comprising:

a hollow outer body having an elongated barrel with longitudinally extending outside and inside walls, the longitudinally extending outside wall of the barrel having opposed laterally extending flanges, the longitudinally extending inside wall of the barrel increasing in diameter behind the flanges to form an enlarged open back end portion;

a plunger handle slidably insertable into the barrel and having a rear portion with an end cap, the end cap having a diameter slightly smaller than the diameter of the open back end portion; wherein

upon retraction of the needle assembly the end cap is received and lodged in the open back end portion of the barrel, disposing the plunger handle within the elongated barrel and rendering the plunger handle and end cap inaccessible for grasping.

98. The syringe of claim 97 wherein the back end portion of the barrel does not resist entry of the end cap upon retraction.

99. The syringe of claim 97 wherein the lodging of the end cap in the opening of the back end portion of the barrel is not accompanied by locking of the plunger in the barrel.

100. The syringe of claim 97 wherein the opening at the back end portion of the barrel is configured as a stop which contacts the end cap after the end cap enters the opening.